

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Claims:**

1. (Withdrawn). A method for controlling the microbial contamination of drinking water produced by condensation comprising:
  - providing a container of zeolite, wherein the zeolite contain ions; and
  - passing the drinking water produced by condensation through the container of zeolite such that at least one ion is released.
2. (Withdrawn). The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the zeolite is a clinoptilolite.
3. (Withdrawn). The method as set forth in claim 2, wherein the method further comprises a step of sizing the clinoptilolite to with the range of about 1 to about 10 mm.
4. (Withdrawn). The method as set further in claim 3, wherein the method further comprises a step of washing the clinoptilolite with distilled water.
5. (Withdrawn). The method as set forth in claim 4, wherein the method further comprises a step of adjusting the pH of the clinoptilolite to within the range of about 6.0 to about 8.0.
6. (Withdrawn). The method as set forth in claim 5, wherein the method further comprises a step of activating the clinoptilolite by hydrothermal ion exchange.
7. (Withdrawn). The method as set forth in claim 6, wherein the activation of the clinoptilolite is by boiling in a solution containing zinc.
8. (Withdrawn). The method as set forth in claim 7, wherein the solution containing zinc comprises a solution of water and zinc compound selected from the group consisting of zinc sulfate, zinc chloride, and zinc oxide.

9. (Withdrawn). The method as set forth in claim 8, wherein the solution containing the zinc comprises water and ZnSO<sub>4</sub>.7H<sub>2</sub>O.

10. (Withdrawn). The method as forth in claim 9, wherein the concentration of the solution of water and ZnSO<sub>4</sub>.7H<sub>2</sub>O is in the range of about 1 to about 10 percent by weight ZnSO<sub>4</sub>.7H<sub>2</sub>O.

11. (Withdrawn). The method as set forth in claim 10, wherein the boiling in a solution of ZnSO<sub>4</sub>.7H<sub>2</sub>O is continued within the range of about 2 and about 15 hours.

12. (Currently amended). A composition for disinfecting water produced from condensation comprising:

a zeolite, wherein the zeolite contains at least one ion, and compound of zinc, wherein the compound of zinc is selected from the group consisting of zinc sulfate, zinc chloride, and zinc oxide; and

a biocide;

wherein the water contains sodium.

13. (Previously presented). The composition of claim 12 wherein the zeolite is a natural clinoptilolite.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Previously presented). The composition of claim 13 wherein the compound of zinc is ZnSO<sub>4</sub>.

16. (Previously presented). The composition of claim 13 wherein the compound of zinc is a hydrated form of ZnSO<sub>4</sub>.7H<sub>2</sub>O.

17. (Withdrawn). A method of preparing a composition for controlling the microbial contamination of drinking water produced by condensation comprising boiling a zeolite having at least one ion in a solution containing zinc compound.

18. (Withdrawn). The method of claim 17 wherein the zeolite is a clinoptilolite.

19. (Withdrawn). The method of claim 18 wherein the boiling is for a time in the range of about 1 to about 10 hours.

20. (Withdrawn). The method of claim 18 wherein the zinc compound is selected from the group consisting of zinc sulfate, zinc chloride, and zinc oxide.

21. (Withdrawn). The method of claim 18 wherein the zinc compound is  $ZnSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$ .

22. (Withdrawn). The method of claim 18 further comprising the step of sizing the clinoptilolite to with the range of about 1 to about 10 mm.

23. (Withdrawn). The method of claim 22, wherein the method further comprises a step of washing the clinoptilolite with distilled water.

24. (Withdrawn). The method of claim 23, wherein the method further comprises a step of adjusting the pH of the clinoptilolite to within the range of about 6.0 to about 8.0.

25. (Withdrawn). The method of claim 24, wherein the method further comprises a step of activating the clinoptilolite by hydrothermal ion exchange.

26. (Withdrawn). The method of claim 23, wherein the activation by hydrothermal ion exchange of the clinoptilolite is by boiling in a solution containing zinc.

27. (Withdrawn). The method of claim 24, wherein the solution containing zinc comprises a solution of water and a zinc compound selected from the group consisting of zinc sulfate, zinc chloride, and zinc oxide.
28. (Withdrawn). The method of claim 25, wherein the solution containing zinc comprises water and  $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .
29. (Withdrawn). The method of claim 26, wherein the concentration of the water and  $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is in the range of about 1 and about 10 percent by weight  $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .